

# C.R.A.P. TEST FOR RESOURCES

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Use the following template to evaluate your chosen resource

## **Currency**

- How recent is the information you found?
- How recently has the website and/or article been updated?

## **Reliability**

- Information within your source? How much is there?
- Consider the content of the resource: how much opinion is in the source? Is there a balance?
- Are there adequate references/sources for data provided within the source?

## **Authority**

- Who wrote your article?
- Are they credentialed? What is the author's background?
- Who published the article? Can it be considered a reliable source? Why/why not?
- Does the publisher have an interest or bias in the information?
- If this is an Internet source, are there advertisements on the website? Do they have an impact on analysis?

## **Purpose/Point of View**

- What is the author's purpose?
- What is the author's point-of-view
- Is this story fact or opinion? How do you know-are there adequate references to support the claim?
- Consider bias: is the author trying to persuade readers on a given side? Is there an agenda supported?